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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In reply to an Office Action/ Restriction Requirement dated May 2, 2006, Applicants hereby file this Response by Certificate of Mailing. Applicants provisionally elect "Species II" with traverse and respectfully request examination of the application on the merits. As required, Applicants identify claims 19-42 and 57-71 as

encompassing the alleged species disclosed in "Species II." Applicants traverse the restriction requirement on the basis that all species of the present invention are within the scope of the claims of the pending application, and that the claimed invention as disclosed in the specification, drawings, and claims is subject to search and examination without placing a serious burden upon the Examiner. No claims are cancelled and no argument is made with regard to patentable distinctiveness by this Response.

Respectfully tendered,

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